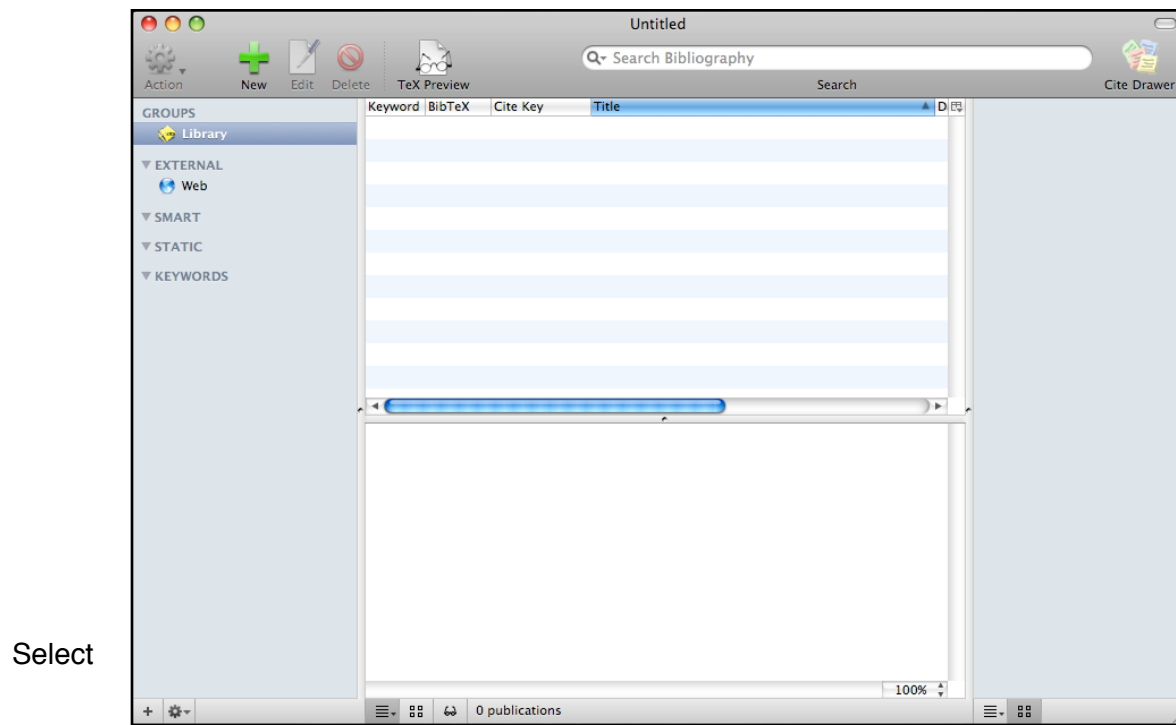


Using BibDesk

BibDesk is a graphical interface for creating, managing, and editing citations, which can then be exported as a .bib file for use in a LaTeX document. This mini-tutorial provides basic instructions on how to use BibDesk.

Creating a New Bibliography

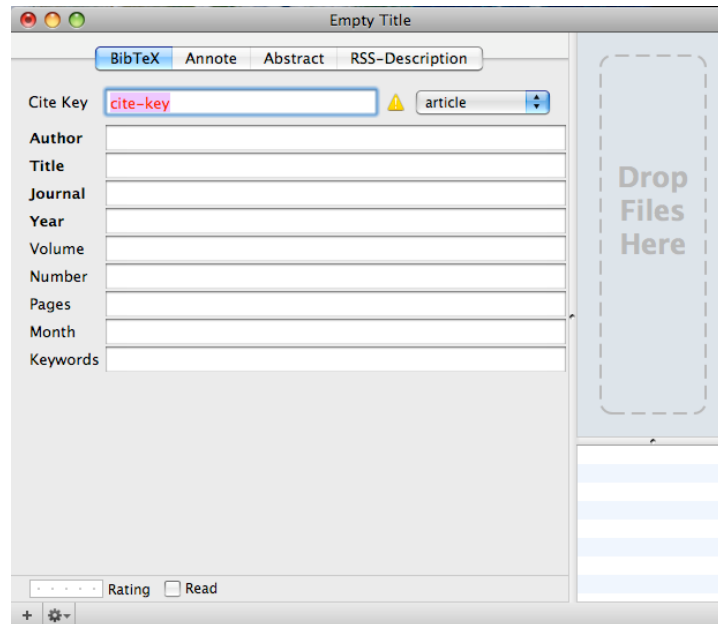
As with any Apple application, the first time you open BibDesk you will be presented with an “Untitled” bibliography window.



File>>Save to save the bibliography, using a name that conforms with a LaTeX .bib file format (i.e. no spaces).

Creating New References

1. Click the green cross (“Create new publication”) on the toolbar. This opens a blank citation window.

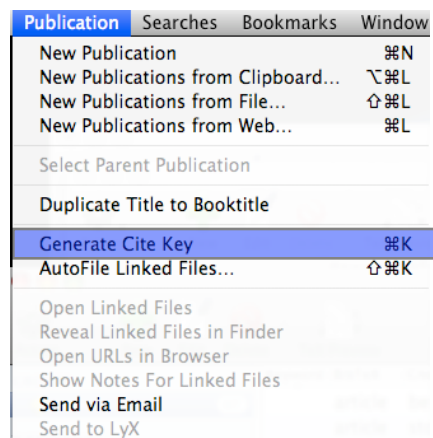


2. Select the type of publication you’re referencing from the dropdown list to the right of the Cite Key field. The field names that appear will be specific to the publication type (article, book, periodical, proceedings, masters thesis, etc.)
3. Enter the information for your citation in the fields provided. You can also add an annotation, abstract, or RSS description.
4. Enter a cite key manually, or have BibDesk create one by selecting Publication>>Generate Cite Key.

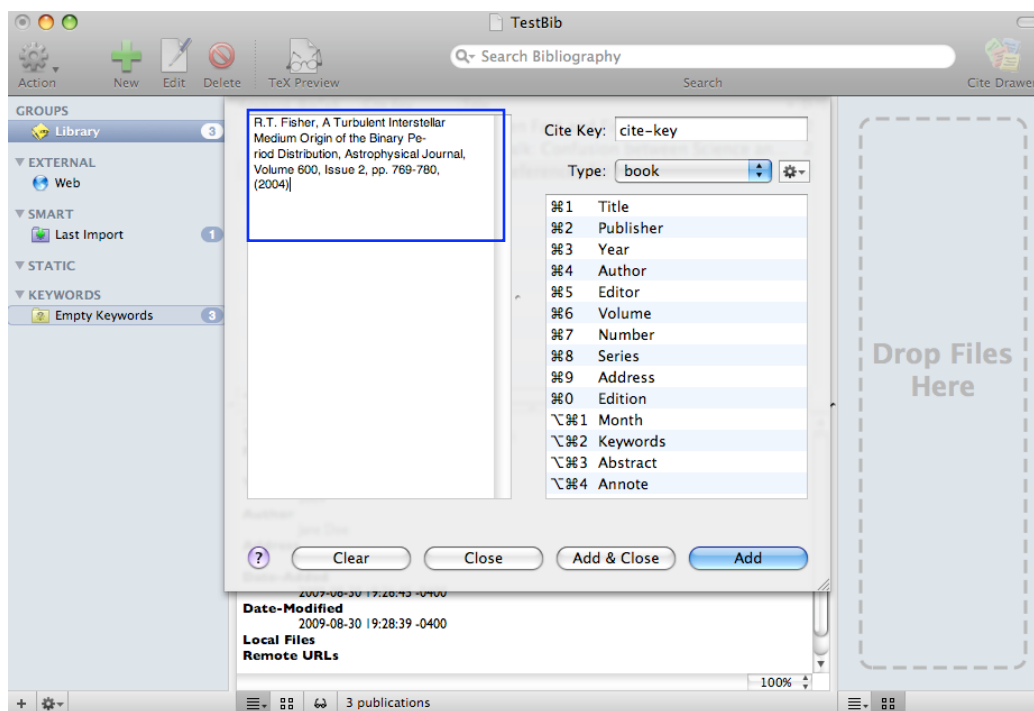
Adding References from Existing Files

You can manually add references from an existing bibliography (say, from the end of an article) in the following way:

1. Highlight the text you want to use as a reference from the file and click “copy” (command+C)



2. In BibDesk, click “Publication>>New Publications from Clipboard.” This pastes the copied reference into BibDesk.



3. Select the type of publication you are referencing from the dropdown. The fields below will be specific to that type of publication.
4. Highlight the relevant text (“R. T. Fisher”) and drag it to the desired field name on the right (“Author”). The field name will show as selected and a plus sign appears on the dragged text.
5. Drop the text onto the field name.
6. Continue to highlight and drag text to the relevant field name until each piece of information has been included in the reference.
7. Make sure each the text in each field conforms to LaTeX standards. For example, if you have a journal title “Science, Technology, & Human Values,” add the backslash character before the ampersand so LaTeX will recognize it as an ampersand: “Science, Technology, \& Human Values.”
8. Click **Add** to add the reference to your bibliography.
9. If you want to add more references from the same document, go back to that document, highlight the next reference you want to add, then click **copy**.
10. Return to BibDesk, select Publication>>Load Clipboard. This deletes the previous text and adds the new.
11. Continue following these steps until you’ve added all the references you want.
12. Click **Add & Close**.
13. To see a preview of what your reference will look like in LaTeX, select the reference, then click **Text Preview** on the toolbar. If you get an error message, open the reference and make sure the text in each field is compatible with LaTeX format.

A faster method:

1. Repeat steps 1 - 3 above.
2. Highlight the text you want to add to a particular field but don't drag it. Simply double click the desired field name. This drops the selected text into that field.
3. Continue to follow steps 6-13.

Creating a .bib file

Once you've created your bibliography, you can export it as a .bib file for use in a LaTeX document. Simply click **File>>Export**, select the destination folder, and click **Save**.

Note that you have the option of saving the bibliography in a variety of formats, but unless you're familiar with the other options, you can just use the defaults.